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SUBJ: MINISTERIAL DELEGATION TO MIDDLE EAST

REF: VALLETTA 0911

1. A MINISTERIAL DELEGATION HEADED BY LABORMIN JOSEPH CASSAR DEPARTED JUNE 13 FOR A TEN DAY VISIT TO LEBANON, SAUDI ARABIA, ABU DHABI, KUWAIT AND "OTHER ARAB STATES." CASSAR TOLD REPORTERS AT AIRPORT THAT PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO CONTINUE TALKS WITH ARAB LEADERS ON SAME SUBJECT P.M. MINTOFF INITIATED DURING HIS MIDDLE EAST TOUR IN MAY (REFTEL).

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2. CASSAR IS ACCOMPANIED BY CROWN ADVOCATE GENERAL EDGAR MIZZI, GEORGE BORG CARDONA OF THE P.M.'S OFFICE AND MALTA DRYDOCKS BOARD MEMBER; AND IVES DEBARRO OF THE MALTA EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI.

3. COMMENT: CHEAPER CRUDE PRICES IS THE LIKELY MAJOR GOAL OF VISIT, BUT REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION OF VESSELS BY DRYDOCKS, ARAB FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN JOINT BENTURES, AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS PROBABLY WILL BE IMPORTANT TOPICS RAISED BY MALTESE DURING THE TOUR. FACT THAT VISIT TAKING PLACE INDICATES TO US THAT THERE MAY BE SOME PROSPECT OF SUCCESS IN MALTESE EFFORTS TO GAIN ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES FROM MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES.GETZ

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